



## Review of 2021 Census Topics: Submission Form

**On completion, check and submit your form via**

- **Email:** [census.content@abs.gov.au](mailto:census.content@abs.gov.au)
- Or
- **Mail:** Census Topic Review, GPO Box 9817, Brisbane QLD 4001

### Consent to Publish

While all responses received will be included in the analysis of this consultation, the ABS intends to make submissions publicly available after the closing date of 30 June 2018 to share views about the data needs of the Australian community.

If your submission identifies or names an organisation you have collaborated with, please consider obtaining their consent prior to agreeing for the ABS to publish your submission.

**Can we publish your submission after the consultation period closes? (see below for details of what each option represents)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Yes, but do not publish any parts that are identifiable
- ☐ No

**After the closing date of 30 June 2018, submissions received will be available on this consultation where your approval has been given.**

- By selecting Yes:  
You give permission to publish your responses to the assessment criteria as well as who you are representing and organisation name (if applicable). Contact details, including name, phone number and email address will not be published.
- By selecting Yes, but do not publish any parts that are identifiable:  
You give permission to publish your responses to the assessment criteria only. Who you are representing, organisation (if applicable) and contact details will not be published.
- By selecting No:  
No part of your submission will be published.

---

## Contact Details

Should we need to communicate regarding this submission, please provide details of the appropriate contact. We will contact you only if we have questions regarding your submission.

The [ABS Privacy Policy](#) outlines how the ABS will handle any personal information that you provide to us.

**Contact name:**

**Email address:**

**Phone number:**

**Who you are representing:**

(please select applicable)

- ☐ Commonwealth government department
- ☐ State/territory government department
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Industry body/association
- ☐ Community group
- ☐ Educational institution
- ☐ An individual
- ☐ Other

If other please specify:

**Name of your organisation (if applicable):**

**Please list any other organisations you have collaborated with on this submission.**

Please consider obtaining their consent prior to agreeing for the ABS to publish your submission.

---

## What is your submission about?

Below is a list of topics related to data currently collected on Census.

**Choose one that is the most closely related to your submission.**

- ☐ Population
- ☐ Sex and gender
- ☐ Households and families
- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- ☐ Income and work
- ☐ Unpaid work and care
- ☐ Education and training
- ☐ Disability and carers
- ☐ Housing
- ☐ Location
- ☐ Transport
- ☐ Cultural diversity
- ☐ Religion
- ☐ Other topic

If Other topic please specify:

Please note: If you would like to submit ideas on more than one area of interest, please complete separate submissions.

---

## Please provide a brief summary of your submission

---

## Assessment criteria 1

### **The topic is of current national importance.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- data is required for an electoral or legislative purpose
- data is needed to support policy development, planning or program monitoring
- data is used for research purposes

---

## Assessment criteria 2

**There is a need for data from a Census of the whole population.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- data is needed for small population groups
- data is needed for small geographic areas
- the value of the topic is enhanced through combining with other characteristics collected in the Census

---

### Assessment criteria 3

**The topic can be accurately collected in a form which the household completes themselves.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- the topic is likely to be easily understood by respondents
- the topic can be collected in a simple question or questions
- respondents will easily know the answer to the question(s)
- The question(s) is easy and quick to answer

---

## Assessment criteria 4

**The topic would be acceptable to Census respondents.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- the topic is not likely to be considered intrusive, offensive or controversial
- respondents are likely to be willing and able to answer accurately
- are there other considerations for specific groups?

---

## Assessment criteria 5

### **The topic can be collected efficiently.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- the topic or question will not present major difficulties for coding the information
- the topic or question will not require extensive processing
- the topic will not significantly add to the overall cost of the Census
- the topic will not require a lengthy instruction or explanation
- the collection of data on the topic will not require a large number of response categories or multiple questions



---

## Assessment criteria 6

**There is likely to be a continuing need for data on this topic in the following Census.**

You may wish to consider the following points in your response.

- there is a need for time series data on the topic
- the topic is likely to remain relevant in the future

---

## Assessment criteria 7

**There are no other alternative data sources or solutions that could meet the topic need.**

You may wish to consider the following possible data sources and identify any barriers to access in your response.

- data which is collected for administrative purposes
- the topic is collected in an ABS survey or by another organisation
- data is produced through integration of existing data sources

---

### Any further comments?

If you would like to tell us anything else about your submission, please comment below.  
You can also provide additional documentation to support your submission.

**On completion, check and submit your form via**

➤ **Email:** [census.content@abs.gov.au](mailto:census.content@abs.gov.au)

Or

➤ **Mail:** Census Topic Review, GPO Box 9817, Brisbane QLD 4001